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GSWC MEETING PROGRAMS

1:30PM at the Education Center Auditorium
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus
5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti

April 23, 2006 - This will be a joint meeting with the Washtenaw County Historical Society. GSWC President **Marcia McCrary** will provide us with **A Lighthearted Look at the History of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County**. **Judy Chrisman**, Washtenaw County Historical Society president, will speak on the **History of the Historical Society**. The class will be conducted by **Nancy Krohn** who will enlighten us about **Research Resources in Washtenaw County**. Nancy is the editor of *Family History Capers* and Acting Chair of the GSWC Research Committee.

May 21, 2006 - Bob Ferrett will provide an **Introduction to Scottish Genealogy**. Bob is a retired professor at EMU. He teaches genealogy classes for Elderwise and lectures on Scottish genealogy. He has created his own website: *Scottish Genealogy On-Line*. The 9th installment of **There Are No Dumb Questions** will follow.

Meeting Dates for 2006-2007 – Add these dates to your calendar: September 24, October 22, December 3, 2006; January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, and May 20, 2007.

GSWC NOTICES

Time to Renew Your Membership! - Renewal notices for the new membership year, which begins July 1, 2006, will be available at the April 23rd meeting. Forms not picked up at the meeting will be mailed. Please pay by check, made out to GSWC, or have the exact change if you wish to renew at the meeting. Dues remain the same as for previous years:

$14.00 for individuals,
$12.00 for senior individuals,
$15.00 for families
$13.00 for senior families,
$25.00 for sustaining memberships

The early payment discount has been eliminated and the cost of late membership renewals (those received after the start of the new membership year on July 1) will increase by $2.00. Missed copies of *Family History Capers* due to late renewals will not be mailed.

You will have the chance to donate to the MGC Gift Fund, NARA, and our own GSWC Library. **Many thanks to the generous donors who contributed $118.00 to NARA, $139.00 to the MGC Gift Fund, and $751.00 to our library fund last year.** The renewal form also contains space to contribute your MICHIGAN related surname interests, meeting topic ideas, and your time by assisting on one of the Society's committees. Your contributions, whether time or information, are needed and appreciated. - *Barbara Giezentaner*

Cemetery Reading – Come join us on Sunday, April 30, and Sunday, May 7, 2006, from 1:30 to 5:30 PM to read Fairview Cemetery. The Cemetery is located at 1401 Wright Street, Ann Arbor, corner of Kellogg, one block west of the Kellogg and Pontiac Trail intersection. For questions or directions, call us at 734-429-9262 and leave a message, or email us at robcyndy@provide.net, mentioning "Cemetery" in the subject line. Many hands make light work. *– Rob & Cyndy Steward*

Annual Business Meeting May 21, 2006 – Election of officers and board members, yearly reports and other business will be addressed.

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MEETING REPORTS

Note: Handouts from lectures and classes are filed at our joint library with the LDS FHC

At the December 2005 meeting **Karen Krugman** presented **Dying to Get In There – Cemetery Records.** From the start, Karen's

enthusiasm for cemeteries as "just another research repository" was evident as she informed us about the four types of cemeteries: religious, which are usually found at or very near the church; public, such as township, city, military or veterans' cemeteries; privately owned; and family cemeteries, which are usually found on land once belonging to the family patriarch. Knowing the category into which the cemetery falls gives you clues about who to contact regarding records and access. Use good manners and a positive attitude when you call, write, or visit, and a written thank you note is appreciated by cemetery, church or funeral home staff and others who have been helpful.

Many things can be found in a cemetery besides headstones. Look for flag holders and for markers from the funeral home, military service, membership organizations or those signifying occupation; which can lead you to many other records. You may even find a note left by someone else who is interested in that particular surname. Leave a business card with your contact information by the stone. For information on military flag holders, visit www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/flaghold.htm

Take the time to visit the headstones of your ancestors, if possible, rather than relying on a transcription, which often does not include all of the information on the stone, or indicate who was buried nearby. At the same time, remember that just because it's carved in stone, it may not be accurate. Take the time to locate an obituary. And don't make assumptions about the information you find on the stones. For example, what appears to be the maiden name of a wife could be the surname of a subsequent husband.

Don't use chemicals of any kind to clean the stone. Don't use markers to fill in the engraving. Don't use wire brushes to scrub the stone. Never make rubbings of unstable or disintegrating stones. Do take photographs up close, from different angles, and from a distance. Be respectful.

Visit the GSWC website for information on putting together a cemetery kit. – *Barbara Giezentaner*

Getting Organized, the class after the December program, was presented by a panel of GSWC members and opened with some images of the genealogy offices of two of our members who desperately needed this class.

Carolyn Griffin suggested using paper of a consistent size, preferably 8 ½ by 11, and file folders, possibly color coded, and separated by name, location and dates. Make sure to complete the ancestor charts and family group sheets. www.cyndislist.org has links to sites on organization. Use a source checklist for each ancestor you are researching. Suggested reading includes *Organizing Your Family History Search*, by Sharon DeBartelo Carmack, and *Managing a Genealogical Project*, by William Dollarhide. For forms see *Peacefield Genealogy Forms*, by Kirk Vredevelt.

Dick Miller took away any guilt about lack of organization because "it's the nature of matter to be disorganized." Organization is important because it allows us to quickly find things, and he suggests keeping items in the same place and using computer tools such as a data base program and Excel for indexing. He says a good memory helps, too.

Organizing your favorite or bookmarked websites was suggested by **Nancy Krohn**.

Jan Tripp's list of must have organizational tools include a file cabinet for folders filed by surname, a second file cabinet for information filed by location, stackable see-through bins from office supply stores for work in progress, a shredder, and files stored in your computer for each surname. Avoid filing by software application. – *Barbara Giezentaner*

At the January 2006 meeting, **Brian Dunnigan**, Curator of Maps at the Clements Library, began his presentation on **Michigan Maps** with an overview of the Library which is a primary source facility focusing on the history of the Americas. It opened in 1923, with the core of its materials from William L. Clements, University of Michigan alumnus. The Library used to be exclusive, and hard to get in, but now has a website, and encourages use by a wider range of researchers. Today it houses approximately 80,000 books, 40,000 maps and items relating to the Great Lakes. An early donor was Renville Wheat, the nephew of William L Clements. The Library website is www.clements.umich.edu.

The very early North American maps (1545) didn't show the Great Lakes. The French moved up the St Lawrence with information from Native Americans and drew maps in 1615 and again in 1632. By 1650, Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, St Clair and the Detroit River were showing up on maps. In 1672 a very recognizable map was created from information supplied by Jesuit priests.

In the 1740, phantom islands began showing up on maps of Lake Superior. Politics and war influenced the boundaries. In 1766, a British Colonies map showed garrisons, and was helpful for military use. An 1813 map showed where the British crossed the Detroit River. In 1771, a plan of Fort Niagara was drawn showing the cemetery, gardens, cattle and naval areas. A map from 1783 showed placement of the international boundaries created by the peace treaty in Paris. In the 1780s the Jefferson-Hartley Map (both of the known existing copies are in the Clements collection) showed how to divide up the old Northwest. By 1815 forms of state boundaries began to appear.

Included in the collection are property maps such as survey maps. He noted that most of the Northwest territory used square patterns, and the square system, but the French settlement had long, narrow lots, 2 to 4 acres wide, and 40 acres deep. Other types include topographical maps, which show the change and development of Detroit.

Maps can be very helpful in picturing where your ancestors lived and what factors influenced their lives. - *Marcia McCrary*

In the class after, three GSWC members shared information on **Research in Pennsylvania**.

Carolyn Griffin covered Berks and Fayette Counties. Berks County was founded in 1752. The Berks County Genealogical Society website is www.berksgenes.org. The county library is at www.berksgenes.org/library1.htm and the County Historical Society maintains a website at www.berkshistory.org.

In Fayette, Carolyn explored her husband's Lawrence line. She found information about Valentine Lawrence by using tax lists, birth records, baptism records and census. The family moved together to Indiana. She recommended checking for what records are available on line, and asking if there are researchers you can hire, as well as places to post a free query, and searching probate records and wills.

Fayette was founded in 1783. The Genealogical Society website is www.rootsweb.com/~pafayette and Fayette County information can be found at resources.rootsweb.com/USA/PA/Fayette

Connie Olson covered general Pennsylvania research, as well as Chester, Bradford and Somerset counties. Be aware that historical boundaries can change; parts of Pennsylvania were originally claimed by Connecticut and Maryland. The English in the north came from New England, especially in the Connecticut claim area. There were many Quakers. The Germans concentrated around Lancaster, and the Scotch Irish first around Juniata, then west. The National Road and the Trail from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh also influenced how people moved around. The Cumberland Road crossed a corner of southwest Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Archives can be found at www.phmc.state.pa.us/. Be sure to check surrounding states as well.

Chester Co was formed in 1682 and was one of the original counties in Pennsylvania. It was mostly English and Quaker. The County Historical Museum has genealogical information. On USGenweb, look at the individual counties.

Bradford County was founded in 1810 and was part of the Connecticut claim, sharing a boundary with New York State. Try www.bradfordhistory.com for information.

Somerset Co formed in 1795. Check www.rootsweb.com/~pasomers.

Jan Tripp discussed Luzerne County, which was formed in 1786; however its vital records are maintained only from 1906. The courthouse has a register of wills, birth, marriages and deaths. The Prothonotary's office has naturalizations and divorce, and recording of deeds. (Prothonotary means first officer.) The Osterhout Free Library, the state historical society, and the state library are good sources, and can be found at www.osterhout.lib.pa.us, www.luzernecountyhistory.com and www.state library.state.pa.us/ respectively. - *Marcia McCrary*

HANDY WEBSITES & OTHER THINGS

Childs Cemetery restoration – Brian Shelby, sexton, is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the cemetery, which is at the corner of Talladay and Tuttle Hill roads. He is also looking for donations to purchase a flag pole to honor the war veterans, and information about who is buried in the cemetery. The records were destroyed in a fire. You can reach him at bshelby10121@yahoolcom or 734-461-5100.

Land Grant Office – The website for the federal Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records is up and working again at http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/.

Time Capsule If you've ever wondered what the price of bread was, or the top songs, toys, books, or news headlines, among other things, were, visit dmarie.com/time/cap/. You'll find data online for the years 1800 through 2002, although data for the years 1800 - 1875 is probably spotty. – *Barbara Giezentaner*

Library of Michigan News – Beginning April 2nd, the Library will be closed on Sundays. The Library has a couple of quarterly electronic publications that you can access on-line: *Michigan Genealogist*, which you can subscribe to by email to librarian@michigan.gov; and *Abrams Collections Genealogy Highlights* which focus on resources available at the Library and can be viewed on their website: www.michigan.gov/hal/.

Online Obituary Index in Pennsylvania - The Butler Area Public Library, Butler, PA is pleased to announce that their Obituary Index of over 75,000 names from Butler County newspapers is now searchable online (at no charge) at www.bcfls.org/butler; click on the tombstones; have fun. Instructions are included for basic and advanced searches, search tips, the value of obituaries, and ordering copies. The inclusive dates are 1824-1960 and 1990-2000. - *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, copyright 2006 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com.*

World War I Project – Cynthia Grostick, of the Stockbridge Area Genealogical & Historical Society, continues to gather information about WWI veterans from the area, including those from neighboring Washtenaw County townships. Visit www.rootsweb.com/~msags for a complete list of names. If you have information or photos of any of those listed, or know of other WWI veterans from the area who are not listed, contact Cynthia at stockbridgeareaghs@hotmail.com

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

April 21 & 22, 2006 – Wayne State University is holding the 48th Annual Conference on Local History. The conference is a gathering of historians, genealogists, librarians, education specialists, writers and historical society volunteers, and others interested in Michigan's history at the local or regional level. Call 248-224-4211 for information or download the brochure at www.hsmichigan.org/pdf/lhc.pdf.

April 30, 2006 – Saline District Library is offering a free workshop from 1:30 to 3 PM: *Reading between the Lines: Using Federal Census Records 1850-1930*. Registration is required and participation is limited. Please call 734-429-5450 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk at the Library to register.

July 14 – 15, 2006 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. An *American-Italian Family History & Culture Conference* is co-sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Library, Senator John Heinz Regional History Center, and Roots in the Boot Italian Genealogy Society. For more information, contact Roots in the Boot, PO Box 8313, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-8213, email rootsintheboot@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.rootsintheboot.org.

September 29 - 30, 2006 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If your ancestors lived in the "Keystone State," you will not want to miss this statewide conference hosted by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. See www.genpa.org.

LAFAYETTE (LAFE) RHOMAN ALLEN LETTER TO HIS SISTER, JESSIE, ca 1945

Contributed by Margaret Freeman, Farmington Hills, Michigan

After receiving the Adan Freeman Bible Record from the GSWC Bible Records Registry, I began research on the people named within. Adan Freeman is the great grandfather of my husband, Frank Freeman. So many brick walls came tumbling down with the wealth of information contained in this Bible record. We cannot express enough gratitude to all who are involved in the preservation of these records. Many generations to come will also benefit.

The original of this Bible record was written in a single hand, which indicated that probably it was copied from the actual Adan Freeman Bible.

Details were also given in the Bible on the Cheshire Family Records. It was evident that the copy was probably made by a descendant of Adan Freeman's youngest son, Levi S. Freeman, who was married to Anna B. Cheshire. Previous research had shown that Levi had only one surviving child, Lucinda Freeman Estep Maulbetsch, and therefore, this copy must have been accomplished by her. Also, the Bible record includes Mason Family Records and states that this record was given to Lucinda by Lafayette (Eliphalet) Rhoman Allen on October 13, 1925.

Almira Mason was the second wife of Adan Freeman, and is our direct line ancestor. Almira had a younger sister, Phylura, who was married to Stephen Van Ransaellar Allen. In the 1830s Stephen V. R. and Phylura Mason Allen and family moved from Vermont to Ypsilanti securing a parcel of land from the 80 acres of Adan Freeman.

A Rootsweb query led to contact with a descendant of Stephen V. R. and Phylura Mason Allen. This contact, a distant cousin, provided us with a few letters written many years ago by Lafayette Rhoman Allen, the man who had provided Mason Family records to the Adan Freeman Bible in 1925. Lafayette (Lafe) was the grandson of Stephen and Phylura Allen, and the son of John B. and Mary Rebeckah Gibson Allen. Before presenting one of these letters, some biographical information will be shared.

Lafayette Rhoman Allen was born May 3, 1871 at Chillicothe, Missouri. His twin brother died at birth. The family moved to New Mexico where Lafe graduated from the Las Vegas Academy in 1888 and started to learn the printing business in 1889. By 1891, he bought the *Stock Grower and Farmer*, a weekly paper. On August 30, 1893, he married Zamora Martin. Also in 1893, he started the *Las Vegas Examiner*. In 1898, he and his brother, Charles, acquired the East Las Vegas, New Mexico newspaper, the *Optic.* They consolidated it with the *Examiner,* put in the Associated Press and made an evening daily of 8 pages. In 1905, he sold the business and went to Bisbee, Arizona, where he and his brother Charles and sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) built the Allen Block (http://www.canyonrose.com/). In 1911, he became interested in the Miami section of Florida. By 1917, Lafe and an associate purchased 557 acres of land from Captain William H. Fulford and along with some additional land made plans for a "perfect city" calling for wide residential and business streets. The company began selling lots in 1922. During the early 1920s, Lafe also had a real estate business in Texas. When the great hurricane of 1926 devastated the North Miami Beach area (http://www.citynmb.com/), Lafe returned. He spent his declining years in the development of the city of North Miami Beach. He died in 1953. His

daughter, Lenore Allen Hanford, took over her pioneer father's company and strove to further develop the city. Hanford Boulevard is named in her honor while the Lafe Allen Memorial Library honors him.

By midlife, genealogy had become Lafe's passion. He recorded some of his findings in letters to family members, one of which is related here. Page one of the letter was missing.

A letter from Lafe R. Allen to his sister, Jessie

A number of years ago, commencing about 1915, I started on genealogy and since have spent time and money traveling different places and in Genealogical libraries in Washington, New York, Hartford, Connecticut, Boston, etc., in addition to visiting cemeteries, records in County Clerk offices, in many states from Vermont to Maryland and from these notes hope during the next year to get to work on them and compile charts, etc., and write it up for the benefit of relatives on both sides of the family who are interested.

There is interesting information on our grandmother's line that you may or may not know about. Did you know that our grandmother, Phylura Mason was a fourth cousin of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court for over 30 years and who died in 1935?

Here is the line-up of the Masons and Holmes back to the first settler, David Holmes who came from England and shows our Holmes connection:

David Holmes, B. About 1635 in England; D.1666 Milton, Mass.
John Holmes, B. 1665, Milton, Mass; D. Woodstock, Conn., 1713
Married Hannah Newell, B. 1671, D. 1741.
Hannah Holmes, B. 1683-6, Mar. Robert Mason-
David (Deacon) B. 1692, Woodstock; D. 1745
David (Captain) B. Aug. 11, 1721 Woodstock D. March 1779
Eliphalet Mason, B. 1720; D----
Elijah Mason, B. 1743; Woodstock D. 1818,Bristol, Vt. Mar. Susannah Mills
Abiel B. 1763; D. 1837 Vt.
Oliver Wendell (Poet) B.1809, D.1894.
Eliphalet Mason, B. 1769, Norfolk, Conn. Mar. Betsy Leech, B. 1771 or 3
Phylura Mason, B. 1803; D. 1845 (?) Mar. Stephen Van Ransaellar Allen, B. 1801. D. 1842/3
Oliver Wendell (Justice S. C.) B. Mar. 8, 1841, D. Mar. 6, 1935.
John B. Allen, B. 1830 D.1908.

We are descended from John Holmes, 8th generation: Oliver Wendell, 6th generation.
By the way; one of the most popular books recently out is "Yankee from Olympus." Am reading it. Very interesting. Lives of Abiel Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Poet, and particularly Justice Holmes. Have Perry get it for you. Am enclosing $5.00 for that and any other purpose. You are the type that "enjoys the pleasures of the mind" and I know you will like it.

Another genealogical point in which you may be interested, but before I start on it want to say that in my early research, it was thought or I got it somewhere that we were related to

Governor Mason, an early governor of Michigan. I looked this up and found he was a Virginia Mason, not related to us at all.

Now to the Allen line - a line that has caused me a pile of work and investigation, and still uncertain as to its accuracy though I have worked it out to my own satisfaction correct thought have yet to find the full data to confirm it.

Mrs. Downs, whom I talked with in Sherborn, Mass. years ago, when she was 80 years old (she is a daughter of Lafayette, brother of Stephen Van R.). She said her grandfather Ebenezer Walbridge, was born in New York. I don't think so. I think that E. W. was a son of Ebenezer Allen, who with his cousin Elijah, and their families went from Cornwall, Conn. to Dutchess County. I saw records where Ebenezer had died in 1804 and the administrator of the estate was "Ethan Allen" a brother of Ebenezer Walbridge. I remember Aunt Adeline, who knew very little about the family, told me that her father S. V. R. spoke of an Uncle Ethan, and she was under the impression that this was old Ethan of Ticonderoga, who was two generations further back; but it does confirm the fact that S. V. R. referred to an Ethan as uncle and this fits perfectly with the Ethan, son of the Ebenezer of Cornwall who died in 1804. Further this Ebenezer must have been the son of, who was a brother of Joseph, the father of Ticonderoga Ethan.

All the Allens were first settlers of Cornwall, Conn. The Ebenezer, who was the uncle of old Ethan, and his son, Ebenezer who died in Dutchess County in 1804, according to Starr, who compiled a history of Cornwall, were probably both in the Rev. War, and the elder in the French Indian. However, the data I was able to obtain on them is not sufficiently authoritative to base Daughters of the American Revolution thereon.

A Revolutionary War record, however, that makes you or any daughter or granddaughter eligible for Daughters of the American Revolution, is Alexander Leech (whose wife Catharine "was kidnapped as a child from Holland" as per a tradition in the family that Father mentioned many times though he didn't know which grandmother it was). Alexander and Catherine, maiden name unknown, though I have my reasons to believe that it was "Rhoman" part of Uncle Lafe's name as well as my own. Alexander died in 1777, left a will, on file in Hartford in which he mentioned his family including William, son, and daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) who married Eliphalet Mason, and they were the parents of our grandmother, Phylura Mason Allen.

Another line that holds up eligibility with D.A.R. is Joseph Mills, who belonged to the Militia of Norfolk, Conn. and who was the father of Susannah Mills, who married Elijah Mason (1743-1818) the parents of Eliphalet (1769-1835).

Thought this might be interesting to you, Ruth and others. Betsy Leech, our G. grandmother was born 1771 or 1773, d. as I recall in 1856. The dates I am giving are pulled out of my memory, as I am writing without notes, but are substantially correct.

Back to the Allen line, as near as I can figure it out. The line started in America with Samuel Allen, born in England. His name is on the Hartford monument to Fifty or more First Settlers of Conn., at Windsor, the first settlement in Connecticut in 1734 I believe; also on the Hartford monument are the names of other ancestors of ours, either through the male or female lines: Begat Eggleston, who with John and Sarah Talcott came from England (John was an early Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut). Begat married Sarah (or Mary Talcott), had a daughter

Sarah who married a John Pettibone who landed in Windsor in the 1750's, and came to this country for safety as he was a soldier of Oliver Cromwell who cut off Charles I head and came here to keep his own head on his shoulders.

John Pettibone and Sarah Eggleston had a daughter, who married a Brown the grandfather or G. grandfather of John Brown of Ossowatamie, who took it into his head to free the slaves, make soldiers of them. However, he saw his finish at Harpers Ferry, the only record of a hanging in the family, but probably one of the greatest, or notorious hangings, with all kinds of repercussions at the time, in the U. S. History. So you and I are sixteenth cousins of some kind to Old John.

John Pettibone and Sarah Eggleston also had a daughter who married John Mills, a great grandson of Simon Mills, also whose name is on the Hartford monument as one of the first settlers of Conn. John Mills and Sarah had a son Joseph Mills B. 1694; D. 1783; Joseph had a son, Joseph, who at 30 married a 15 year old Adams girl, whose daughter Susannah Mills married Elijah Mason, and this Joseph was the militia man from Norfolk, above referred to.

When I started on the Allen line I was diverted by other family information that suggested itself. So here goes for the Allen line:

Samuel Allen who came from England and in Windsor was among the first settlers who originally landed in Mass. was the first; the line is, as I saw it:

Samuel, Nehemiah, Samuel, Ebenezer (perhaps another Ebenezer), Ebenezer, Ebenezer (bro of Joseph), Ebenezer (who died Dutchess Co in 1804), Ebenezer Walbridge Allen B. 1781/2 who married a Ruth Vincent (according to Mrs. Downs of Sherborn, Mass., daughter of Lafayette, bro of S.V.R). Ruth was a G. granddaughter of Charles Vincent, a French Huguenot, who came to America in 1682 and took up a farm where Van Cortland Park is now in N.Y. They were the parents of Stephen Van R., Anson, Lafayette and Aurelia, who married a Treadway, ancestors of the Congressman from Mass. still serving in congress.

You mentioned writing a couple of letters. Must have been written to me when traveling around the country, I think I got one letter, which must have been at a time when I was under some business stress or mental stress, which I am sorry I failed to answer. However, have thought of you and the family often, and have reflected on the good fight you have made of life and the family you reared under trying circumstances and rejoice in the satisfaction you must feel in your declining years of the outcome. Is Harry there with you? Lovable qualities in him. He served his country in World War I and with a hand in War 2 he is sure to be commended for a service to his country that is very exceptional, particularly considering his years - which I don't suppose he looks. Perry, I think of as an anchor, solid, dependable, always rings true when the hammer hits. Am glad to know that Roy and Ruth are happily settled in life.

It is so good to know that you are holding your own so well. You are one who no doubt, as the years came on, enjoyed reading keeping up with everything, taking interest at all times in a variety of things--in other words one of those who "enjoy the pleasures of the mind." 84--11 years older than I--Chauncey Depew when asked his recipe for living a long time, when he was in his nineties said "Be sure and select long lived ancestors." Well, guess we did--you are already proving it. In the back family connections I ran across one Levi Pettibone, who was born in 1750

and was keeping books in St. Louis in 1854 at 104; Justice Holmes was 94, Joseph Mills, mentioned heretofore was 89; the Giletts—two both over 100.

Well this is a long letter with matter I have long wanted to have. Be sure and have Perry get you "Yankee from Olympus."

Love to Perry and wife, Harry if there, and to Roy and Ruth when you write, and love to you and best wishes for your continued good health, I am

Your Brother,
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DEATH OF HON. JOHN DIX, 1870

[Ann Arbor] *Peninsular Courier and Family Visitant*, 18 March 1870, p. 2

We copy the following notice of the death of Hon. John Dix from a Corpus Christi (Texas) paper. Capt. Dix was among the first settlers of this county. Many years ago he removed to Texas. We learn from the friend who sent us the paper containing the following facts, that during the war Capt. Dix was thrice arrested and imprisoned, and for months lived in constant fear of being hung, all because he was an unflinching friend to the cause of the Union.

"John Dix was born in Littleton, Mass., in 1796; commenced going to sea at the age of 16 years, and served on board a privateer in the war with England, in 1812; was engaged in cutting the English brig Don Cossack out of a California port; was wrecked on the island of New Zealand, in the South Pacific Ocean, while trading between there and the Sandwich Islands, in 1825; afterwards married and settled in Washtenaw county, Michigan, where a place yet bears his name; in February, 1834, landed in Texas, at Matagorda, and settled in Washington county; served in the campaign against Bexar in the fall of 1835, as a private soldier; in 1849 moved to Corpus Christi.

"His political ideas were not in accordance with our own, but we are free to accord him honesty of purpose. He was of that peculiar temperament that knew no compromise or half-way ground. If he meant Union he meant it all over, and no argument or opposition could change him. In the recent war his sympathies were with the Union. Since the surrender he has held both Federal and State offices, and at the time of his death was Chief Justice of Nueces county.

"Mr. Dix was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and, we believe, the first man who organized a Sunday school in this city. He was a man of remarkable physical and mental vigor, and up to the time of his final illness, bid fair for many years yet.

"The grave now claims the mortal part for its own. His spirit hath gone to the God who gave it. Here we can bury all differences, and heartily wish – 'Peace to his ashes.' "

FRUSTRATION

Julius S. Cohen, Saline, Michigan

Dead ends! Dates that do not exactly match! Conflicting data! An important potential resource that refuses to cooperate and share information! About the same time you identified a Church that potentially had a rich trove of hard evidence about your ancestors, it burned and all the records were destroyed!

You thought that you finally identified GGG-Grandfather Henry but, when you got to the cemetery, the tombstone said George! It was hard to be sure about anything as most of the tombstones were tipped over, broken or entirely covered with growths of various kinds. At last you identified the ship and got a copy of its original passenger manifest, but whoever wrote it out never took a penmanship class!

You think justifiably that you are frustrated. Ha! I will tell you what real frustration is. Sit in my place in one of the GSWC's meetings and listen to members citing their successes in finding ancestors who lived centuries and centuries ago while I cannot find anything about my ancestors who came to America just 100 years ago. Further, I have been unable to uncover any evidence of the family members from whom they were descended, nor where they lived in Eastern Europe.

I'm pretty sure that it was Lithuania, but where in that country? Was it Vilnius or Kovno or some small shtetl in that vicinity? What I call real frustration is having heard all of the details of our families' oral traditions myself when I was a child, but today, when I want more, I am not able to find any hard back-up evidence, neither in the Ellis Island Data Base nor on ships' manifests. Now that I am interested in doing genealogical research, most of the older members of my family are unable (having died) to share their knowledge. Others (a 96 year old uncle, and two aunts, one 95, the other 89) are unwilling to discuss what they remember hearing about the family's origins. After careful and tactful (I hope) questioning, I believe that it is not that they do not remember but rather that they just do not want to talk about it.

According to the oral tradition of the Max JACOBSON's family line and consistent with and independent from the oral tradition of his brother Joe JACOBSON's family line, my grandmother, Max's wife Bessie (DIETZ) JACOBSON, together with two daughters, my mother Rose and my aunt Anna, arrived in America through Ellis Island in 1905-06. With them were Joe's wife Malka and their three sons, Louis, Sam and George. The stories relate that Grandma, her two girls and two of the boys were allowed to enter while one of the boys was determined to be sick so he and Malka went back to Europe until his condition cleared up. We have heard that Grandma and all the children went to a lower East side of Manhattan address where Max and Joe lived.

So, while I have found where they probably went immediately after getting here, I have uncovered no evidence of their arrival site. I have tried alternate spellings of their names (and found a lot of Jacobsens) and a range of dates and ages without finding anything on my Jacobsons. While other GSWC members report on successes in 1305, I have found nothing in my research efforts for 1905. Now, that is what I call frustration, real frustration.

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AFFIDAVIT OF ELLA V. SAWYER, 1939

Register's Office at Washtenaw County Received for Record the 27th day of July A. D. 1939 at 2:10 o'clock P. M. and recorded in Liber 8 of Mis. Records on Page 130.

Katharine W. Skau, Register of Deeds
Agnes H. Kelly, Deputy

State of Michigan County of Washtenaw SS

Ella V. Sawyer of Chelsea, Michigan, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I. That she is 75 years of age and is a daughter of the John Chadwick, who formerly owned property located in Sowlesville or Manchester, Michigan, and his wife, Mary Chadwick (nee Stevens); that from old family records and from information otherwise obtained, deponent either knows of her own knowledge or believes that the following facts are true:

II. That her grandfather, David William Chadwick was a pioneer settler of Sowlesville (now a part of the Village of Manchester, Michigan), but prior to his death in 1840 he had returned to the East, his former home and died at Nantucket, Massachusetts, leaving surviving a widow, Lydia Chadwick, and the following minor children: John Chadwick, born December 12, 1820, Alexander Chadwick, Joseph Chadwick, sons, and Maria Chadwick, daughter.

III. That Lydia Chadwick died many years ago leaving surviving as children and heirs her sons John and Alexander and her daughter Maria.

IV. That Alexander Chadwick resided at Brooklyn, New York, was married, had two daughters, and is now dead, but whether his said daughter or widow survive him, this deponent does not know.

V. That the Joseph Chadwick hereinbefore mentioned died at Brooklyn, New York, never having married and leaving no children him surviving at the time of his death.

VI. That Maria Chadwick, hereinbefore mentioned, lived at Manchester, Michigan, and was married and never lived with her husband and left no children surviving at her death which occurred many years ago.

VII. That deponents father, John Chadwick and his wife, Mary Chadwick, had children and heirs as follows:

1. David William Chadwick, who died at Stockbridge, Michigan, November 18, 1898 leaving surviving one daughter, Nina N. Chadwick, whose married name is Nina N. Wallace and who now resides at 8203 Blackburn Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
2. Julia Chadwick, who died unmarried and without heirs of the age of twenty years in the year 1887.
3. Charles Chadwick, who died at Jackson, Michigan in 1932 leaving surviving three married daughters to wit: Lelia Berry, Mildred Watkins and Ethel Adkins, all of Jackson, and
4. Ella V. Sawyer, deponent, residing in Chelsea, Michigan and who is the mother of one daughter, Lucy Geiger, who now resides near Clinton Michigan.

VIII. That deponents father died in the year 1895 A. D. and her mother, Mary Chadwick died in the year 1874 A. D.

Ella V. Sawyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1939.

James C. Handley
Notary Public, Washtenaw County, Mich.
My Commission expires Feb. 12, 1940

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LEONARD ISBELL FAMILY, 1891

Saline Observer, 12 February 1891 p. 5

A Remarkable Family. We clip the following from the *Stockbridge Sun* believing it will interest many of our readers as the family referred to is well known here:

Some weeks ago there was published a little note of the Holt family which led to a comparison of notes by members of a still more remarkable family in some respects than the Holts.

The parents were Leonard and Anna Isbell. Leonard Isbell was born in 1794, was a soldier in the war of 1812 and died in 1856. Anna Isbell died about nine years ago. They were father and mother of fifteen children, 14 of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and married; 12 of them are now alive, the oldest being 72 and the youngest 48. The combined age of these twelve is 681 and their average is 60-11-12 years. These twelve persons are:

Lewis Isbell, St. John, Mich.	72
John " "	71
Lucinda Rogers, Jackson, Mich.	68
Nathan Isbell, Saline, Mich.	66
Sarah Rogers, Ellington, Mich.	65
August Isbell, San Bernado, Cal.	63
Uri Isbell, Stockbridge, Mich.	60
Charles Isbell, Saline, Mich.	58
Matilda Robinson, Maurice, Mich.	55
Marshal Isbell, Jackson, Mich	53
L. Marett Isbell, Leslie	51
Sidney M. Isbell, Jackson, Mich.	48

It will thus be seen that all but one reside in Michigan and he only left this state a couple of years ago. All of the family are total abstainers from intoxicating liquors, and is believed that none of them use tobacco

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Ann Arbor Argus. 17 May 1889.

Chas A. Cordley of Hamburg died last week age 55 yrs. He left a wife and 3 children, viz: Mrs. Herman Swartout of Anderson, Burt Cordley of Lansing, and Bessie, a 12 yr old daughter at home. (Birkett news)

MARY BAKER FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This family Bible is located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Ypsilanti, Mich. They have been gracious enough to share the family record with us for our Registry. This is a small (approximately 4 x 5 ½ inches) leather bound Bible, with brass clasp, located in the Church display case. It is a complete Bible, with the title page missing, but the New Testament title page is in place:

The New Testament, London. Printed by G. E. Eyre and W. Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty. M.DCCC.LXVII (*1867).*

Written on the inside-1st page*:* Presented to Mrs. Mary Baker by Fanny Atkinson, Dec. 25, 1872.
"May this blest volume ever be close to thy heart and near thy eye till lifes last hour thy soul engage be this thy chosen heritage. with my kindest regards."

In the back of the bible handwritten*:* Grant S. Baker
Elizabeth V. Baker born in Detroit Mich. July 11th 1906
Next page:Marget Zraiz(*Fraiz*?) died August The 28 1877
Magthea(?) Frazier died August the 28th 1877

Inside Back cover*:* Grant S. Baker was born in Owosso, Shiawassee County April the 29th 1875 (phrase written twice)

GSWC Bible Record Registry

Ed note: From Census records, it appears that Grant S. Baker is the son of Mary and John Baker,who lvied in Ypsilanti, 5th Ward in 1880. John, age 31, was born in New York, as were his parents; Mary, age 25, in Canada, as were her parents; and Grant, age 5, was born in Michigan. Also living with them was his mother, Libby (?) age 73. John's occupation is given as RR Labor.

By 1910 Grant was in Detroit, listed as a photographer with wife, Effie ,and Elizabeth, their daughter. In 1920 he appears to have been captured in two places, Detroit as a lodger, and in Ypsilanti at 709 West Congress St. The Ypsilanti census includes his wife, child and the wife's mother, Eliza with a last name of perhaps McNamara.
Elizabeth died in October 1974, and is buried in St Luke's Garth.

Research by Marcia McCrary, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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STRAYS

Ann Arbor Argus. 23 January 1885.

The remains of Mrs. E. Appleton who died in Detroit, were buried from the M.E. Church in Dexter, Rev. Mr. Wortley of Wayne, officiating. (County News)

TOPICAL MAGAZINE AND INTERNET RESOURCES - DOCUMENTING & ANALYZING YOUR SOURCES

Contributed by Jan Monnin, Toledo, Ohio

Genealogy is a more than just a hobby. We are actually family historians, charged with the responsibility of documenting every aspect of our family genealogical lines. We are to do more than just add names to our database. We should analyze every piece of data that we accumulate and from that, determine what the most credible dates would be, what information we are missing or need to expand upon.

Analyzing our data involves determining whether a piece of information is a primary or secondary source. Once you have analyzed and documented this process, anyone who looks at your work will be able to tell, for instance, why you chose one birthdate among several possible dates. There are many fine articles that explain this is much more detail and should get you off to a great start. If you have not currently documented your sources, just go back through your families, one at a time, and re-analyze your documentation. It's not only fun, but the future generations will be grateful for the time you spent now.

[Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of all sources for this topic. Just ones I have accumulated or found online. It is also possible that there may be transcription errors, even though I try to be very careful.]

Articles published in genealogical magazines:

Magazine	Issue &Page	Article about
Genealogical Computing	April/May/June 2004 also online at http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=9270	A Template for Evaluating Evidence by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG
Ancestry Magazine	May/June 2001, also online at http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=4214	Information, Evidence and Proof by Donn Devine, CG, CGI
Ancestry Magazine	March/April 1998, also online at http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=803	Building a Case When No Record Proves a Point by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG
Family Tree Magazine	August 2000, also online at http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/aug00/databases.html	Downloading your Family by Rick Crume

Magazine	Issue &Page	Article about
Family Chronicle	July/August 1999, also online at http://www.familychronicle.com/SourceCitation.html	Source Citation by Jim Byram
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Family Chronicle	Nov/Dec 2001, also online at http://www.familychronicle.com/SearchSource_03.html	Searching or Sourcing by Ron Wild
Family Chronicle	Nov/Dec 2004, page 30	Document the Drama by Barbara Renick

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- Some of these magazines have their past issues loaded online:
  - http://www.ancestry.com/learn/
  - http://www.heritagequestmagazine.com/ (click on "back issues) - Heritage Quest has this online index. It appears that most of the articles are not online, although it seems the 2004 articles are.
  - http://www.familytreemagazine.com/mags/ - Family Tree Magazine has an indexed list of back issues. You can do a search either by issue or by the search feature in the upper right hand corner of the web page.
- Perhaps you have a genealogical friend who subscribes to these magazines, who would be willing to share them with you.

Articles Online:

Web Site Address	Article about
http://www.genealogy.com/37_neill.html	Organize the inconclusive with discrepancy charts by Michael John Neill

Web Site Address	Article about
http://www.genealogy.com/tip12.html	Evaluating written and oral evidence by Raymond S. Wright III Ph.D, AG
http://www.genealogy.com/84_clifford.html	The Research cycle by Karen Clifford, AG
http://www.genealogy.com/19_kory.html	Why Bother? The Value of Documentation by Kory Meyerink, MLS, CG
http://www.genealogy.com/94_fs-sourcing.html	Sourcing – The Key to your Family Detective Work by genealogy.com
http://www.genealogy.com/27_karen.html	Focusing on Research Goals for the New Year by Karen Clifford, AG
http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=10034	Ancestry Daily News – The Importance of Tracking 6/1/2005
http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=6403	Documentation – a Two Way Street by George G. Morgan
http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=911	Along those Lines – Weighing the Evidence by George G. Morgan
http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=1225	Along those Lines – Serious Citations by George G. Morgan

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1925 - 1926

Parochial Schools of Washtenaw County

St. Thomas School, Rev. J.R. Comstock, Ann Arbor, Mich.
St. John's Parochial School, Sister Rose Mary, Principal, Ypsilanti
St Mary's Acadamy, Rev. Fallon, Chelsea, Mich.
St. Joseph School, Rev. Griffin, Dexter, Mich.
Salem Lutheran School, Rev. Albert Wandersee, Ann Arbor

JOHN GREEN FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Mary Lou Duncan, Grosse Pte Shores, Michigan

This Bible record was from a photocopy of the original. The copy was given to Mary Lou Duncan in 1979 by Betty Elking. Helen Monroe Lyons, a great granddaughter of John Green, probably owned the original. Both of these ladies lived in California and are now deceased. Since most of the entries were in the same handwriting and appeared to be written at the same time, it is thought that they may have been copied from another source. Perhaps that was the Bible of John Willis Green. It might explain the obvious error in the first two entries, who were the parents of the eight children whose names followed. The John W. Green family lived in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Family Records

Births	John Green	May the 8th 1892 (*sic* 1792)
	Sarah Green	Febry 2nd 1893 (*sic* 1793)
	Permelia Green	Sept 11th 1817
	Mary A. Green	March 14, 1820
	Sarah M. Green	March 20, 1822
	John Willis Green	April 24, 1824
	Samuel S. Green	April 24, 1826
	Wm. C. Green	March 30, 1828
	Phebe E. Green	May 29, 1832
	Robert H. Green	June 29, 1834
Family of John W. Green		
	Emma S. Green	January 1st, 1848
	Amanda E. Green	August 12th, 1849
	Harriet A. Green	Nov. 9th, 1850
	Frank E. Green	July 26, 1854
	Ella I. Green	March 13, 1860

Marriages	John Green and Sarah Willis	February 2, 1815
	Permelia Green and B. Collins	December 26, 1833
	Mary A. Green and Elnathan Skidmore	January 14, 1841
	Sarah M. Green and Hiram Barton	Jany 14, 1841
	Phebe E. Green and Lorin Babcock	Jany 1, 1846
	Samuel S. Green and Jane K. Letts	Dec. 13, 1849
	Wm. C. Green and Mary J. Sellers	Febry 1st, 1853
	Rob't. H. Green and Nancy M. Brownell	Febry 22nd, 1854
	John Green, Sr. and Mary A. Cahoon	Oct. 25, 1862
	Emma S. Green and Daniel M. Monroe	Oct. 23, 1867
	Ada H. Green and John Reynolds	March 25, 1868
	Francis E. Green and Jacob Luther	Dec. 29, 1870
	Ella I. Green and W. K. Goff	Aug. 14, 1881

On another page

	Sarah A. Barton	Born March 24th 1848 [?]

	Maria Elizabeth Barton	Born March 8th 1870 [?]
	Harvy S. and Hiram J. Barton	Born August 19th, 1848
	John Franklin Babcock	Born March 4th, 1847
		Died May 10th 1845 aged 2 years 2 months 6 days
	Eugene Babcock	Died July the 13th 1855
	Sarah Ellen Babcock	October the - ? - 1859
	Phebe Elizabeth Babcock	April the 18th 1860
	Sarah Green	June 25, 1861
	Emma Sarah Green	Born January 1st 1848
	Mary Adelia Skidmore	Born December 8th 1848
Deaths	John Green	
	Sarah Green	June 25, 1861
	Phebe E. Babcock	April 18, 1860
	Parmelia Collins	
	Mary A. Skidmore	June 1892
	Sarah M. Barton	
	Harriet A. Green	October 25, 1897
Deaths	Noble Legrande [Barton]	June 12, 1907
	Harvey S. Barton	Jan. 12, 1918
	Lillie I. Barton	June 27, 1949

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ALUMNI DIRECTORY, SALINE HIGH SCHOOL, 1924, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Nancy H. Krohn

Part Three, continued from Vol. 29 # 2, p. 40

1919. Donald Stimpson, Saline. At Cleary College; Marion Rouse, Saline. In Normal College; Margaret Rentschler Parsons, 1129 Casgrain Ave., Detroit, Mich. Housewife; Julia Nadeau, 3704 Virginia Park, Detroit, Housewife; Hazel Lavender Bird, Pinckney, Mich. Housewife; Florine Hall Westphal, Saline. Housewife; Donna Cady, Ypsilanti, Mich. R.F.D. Schoolteacher; Lillian Wittbracht Derr, deceased; Katherine Wheeler Hilsinger, Eureka, Mont. Housewife; Ruth Kreager Kelsey, Milan, Mich. Housewife; Melissa Robison, 200 Merrill st., Birmingham, Mich. Schoolteacher.

1920. Selma Boettner Alber, 9656 Dundee Ave., Detroit, Mich. Housewife; Frances Anna Higgins, 216 S. Ingalls st., Ann Arbor, Mich. Schoolteacher; Gertrude Kilts, 325 Fifth st., Ann Arbor, Mich. Stenographer; Blanche Manor, Ann Arbor, Mich. R.F.D. No. 2. At Normal; Mildred Manor, Ann Arbor, Mich. R.F.D. No. 2. Schoolteacher; Nellie Mohrhardt Gall, Saline. Housewife; John Morris, Saline. At home; Leroy Schill, Ypsilanti, Mich. In leather business; Theodore Stimpson, 805 W. Vine st., Kalamazoo, Mich. At College; Florence Tucker, Saline. At College; Mildred Zahn, Detroit. Bookkeeper.

1921. Helen Klumpp Saline. Schoolteacher; Mary Morris, Saline. At home; Edward Smith, Saline. Farmer; Lauren Schleh, Putnam, Mich. At College; Clara Schroen, Saline. Schoolteacher; Kenneth Spitler, Saline. Farmer; Doris Wheeler, Saline. At College; Carl Zahn, Saline. Farmer; Katherine Cody, Detroit. Schoolteacher; Jessie Cole, 24 Ridgedale, Birmingham, Mich. Schoolteacher; Hazel Foss, Saline. Schoolteacher; Lynford Bracey, Saline. Lumber business; Ruth McAllister Hopp, Ypsilanti, Mich. Housewife.

1922. Ella Burkhardt, Saline. Stenographer; Florence Cook Bracey, Saline. Housewife; Clarence Cook, Saline. Clerk; Estel Feldkamp, Clinton, Mich. Schoolteacher; Voila Hollis Wackenhut, Saline. Housewife; Doris Kazmaier Noble, Saline. Houswife; Luella Lambarth, Saline. Bookkeeper; Harold Layer, Saline. At Normal; Lorena Schnirring, 608 W. Mich. Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich. In College; Lucille Seeger Henderson, Highland Park, Mich. Housewife; Raymond Westphal, Saline. In College; Dorothy Alber Eibler, Maple rd., Springwells, Mich. Housewife; Louetta Westphal, Saline. At home; Thelma Noble Burkhart, Saline. Housewife; Esther Rowley, Saline. Schoolteacher; Julia Mohrhardt, Wayne, Mich. Bookkeeper; Orval Wolford, 636 N. Adams st., Ypsilanti, Mich. In paper mills; Grace Wheeler, Saline. Schoolteacher.

1923. Ruth Aprill, Saline. At College; Helen Barr, Saline. Vocal teacher; Luella Birkley, Saline. Bookkeeper; Elmer Boettner, Bridgewater, Mich. Farmer; Melvina Braun, Ypsilanti, Mich. Employed in a bank; Luella Burkhardt, Saline. At home; Wallace Coe, Saline. In College; Walter Heininger, Saline. Farmer; Lucille Schill Levleit, Fenton, Mich. Housewife; Charlotte Kalmbach, Saline. At Normal; Ora Keubler, Saline. At Normal; Carlton Young, Rochester, Mich. Carpenter; Esther Kleinschmidt, 130 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. Office work; Walter Lutz, 224 W. Grand River, East Lansing, Mich. At M.A.C.; George Needham, Saline. Farmer; Erma Osborne, Saline. At Cleary College, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Clarke Rouse, Saline. Garage-man; Walter Schneider, Saline. Farmer; Dorothy Spitler, Saline. At Normal; Elmer Feldkamp, Saline. At U. of M.; Norman Weidmeyer, Saline. At U. of M.; Lucille Phillips Schleh, Putnam, Mich. Housewife. At College; Zella Young, 232 Murray Ave, Ann Arbor, Mich. Factory employee; John Cornish, Saline. Farmer.

1924. Alma Graf, Saline. Schoolteacher; Ruth Kidder, A thome; Mildred Richards, Saline. Schoolteacher; Lucille Surdam, Saline. Schoolteacher; Bertine Collins, Saline. At Normal; Sylvia Gross, Saline. Schoolteacher; Hugh Austin, Saline. Farmer; Stanley Wittbracht, Saline. Employed in Ann Arbor Bank; Margaret Buehler, Saline. Schoolteacher; Herman Braun, 213 N. Hamilton st., Ypsilanti, Mich. At Cleary's; Alice Wheeler, Saline. Schoolteacher; Lillian Mohrhardt, Saline. At Normal; Paul Gruner, Bridgewater, Mich. At the Normal.

End of Record

STRAYS

Ann Arbor Argus. 11 May 1883.

Lorenzo Greenman, formerly a resident of Manchester, died 22 April in prison near Clinton, New York. Frenzied with rum, he attempted to drown his wife and died seven days after expiration of his sentence. (County News)

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

HULL
OLSZESKI
ROWE

Lazarus Hull, Town Clerk in Sharon Twp 1836, and Supervisor in 1837, is buried in Old Sharon Twp Cemetery (Rowe's Corners Cem) with Anna his wife. From the ts of Cem: Lazarus d. 16 Sep 1839, aged 68 yrs & 8 ms; Anna d. 4 Nov 1854, aged 78 yrs & 11 ms. Is Rebecca Hull who marr. Conrad Rowe the d/o Lazarus?

Karen Olszeski, 674 Chicago Dr., Howell, MI 48843.

Mich. Central/ RailRoad

Do you have primary information from family members relating stories, information or photos about the Michigan Central Railroad? Writer 's new book about the MCRR is scheduled for printing this fall. Please e-mail me with details of your information. Thanks.

Nick Marsh # 698, 3095 Arbor Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017. E-mail: nmar85@aol.com

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Patrick Riley and wife Abbie, both b. IRL. 4 Ch: Catherine b. ca 1845/46 poss. Fall River, MA or RI marr. George Edward Bull 1861/61 d. Ann Arbor 20 Sep 1892; Michael b. ca 1849 RI/MA; William b. ca 1849 RI/MA; Phoebe b .ca 1857 MI or RI.. Sk place of origin in IRL, ddt and burpl for Patrick and Abbie. Did Phoebe live in Ann Arbor in 1900? Sk info for all ch.

Michael J. Siciliano, 5 S. Greenwich Ln, Geneva, IL 50134.

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HAYNER
TICE

John Tice b. ca 1816 Washington Co, NY d. Feb 1892 Ann Arbor and Sabrina Hayner b. ca 1813 Montgomery Co, NY d. 27 Oct 1891 marr. Troy, NY 25 Nov 1835, then lvd in Shaghticoke, Rensselaer Co, NY. John and Sabrina and family mvd to Ann Arbor in 1858, res 3d ward in 1880. John was a carpenter and built many fine residences in the city. Ch: William A. Tice b. ca 1836; Peter C. Tice b. ca 1839; James M. Tice b. ca 1840;Clarence Tice b. ca 1843; Frances Adeline Tice b. ca 1847 marr. 20 Mar1903 Franklin Benham; Mary E. Tice b. ca 1847; John E. Tice b. ca 1849; Abraham/Abram Tice b. ca 1851 bur. in Forest Hill Ann Arbor with his wife Christine Dora Fischer. Sk obituaries for John and Sabrina , their pars , burpl, church membership, and all other info.

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CORR
McKRILL

Patrick Bernard Corr b. 24 Oct 1854 d. 21 Mar 1939 Ann Arbor, MI marr. 16 Oct 1876 St. Thomas Church, Ann Arbor, Rebecca Allen b. 21 Apr 1854; lived in Ann Arbor, Washt Co from 1850 to 1880s. Other locations were South Sexton and Lyons, MI. Later moved to Lansing. 8 Ch all b. South Lyons, except the last two: Francis Joseph Corr; Teresa Geniveve Corr; John Bernard Corr (my gf); Louis A. Corr; William Lawrence Corr; Leo Earl Corr; Veronica Bridget Corr. I am originally from Lansing but live in Portland, Oregon. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.

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BUCK
HILL
LOCKE
TITUS
TYLER

Robert Titus, age 55 and poss. wife Susan age 50, both b. NY found in 1850 census of Sharon Twp, Washt Co. 5 Ch: Melville, age 25 b. NY; Abigail age 18 b. NY; Martha age 15 b. MI; Truman age 10 b. MI; Allen, age 4 b NY(?). James Titus b. 1764 Washington Co, NY d. 1843 Kent Co, MI. Known ch of James: Isaac Titus (1798 NY - 1851 Cambria, Hillsdale Co, MI); James Titus (1805 NY - 1869 MI); Dewitt Titus (1812 NY - 1864 unk); Arvilla Titus (1811 - 1847 Perry, Shiwassee Co, MI marr. Charles Locke; Polly Titus; Dolly Titus; Salinda Titus (1817 NY) marr. John Buck res. MI; Lucinda Titus; Chloe Titus; Olive Titus. Some desc. of James res. CA, others in Shiawassee Co, Lenawee Co, MI. Robert found in 1830 in Tyre, Seneca Co, NY and in1840 in Putnam, Livingston Co, MI. Is Robert the s/o James Titus b. NY and Rhuenama/Rheumy (Hill) Titus?

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FIELD
LAHRING
LITTLE
MAUDLIN
WILLSON
WOODS

William Maudlin b Sep 1859 Ypsilanti, Washt Co, MI s/o John Maudlin & Sarah Adelaide Woods d. 22 Mar 1929 in Durand, Shiawassee Co, MI. William marr. ca 1885 to Emma Field. Emma d. 19 Apr 1911. Son Harry V. Maudlin b. 03 May 1893 MI d. 05 Feb 1934 Durand, Shiawassee Co, marr. Lulu M. Lahring. Lulu died 05 Feb 1939 in Durand, Shiawassee Co. All bur in Greenwood Cemetery, Vernon, Shiawassee Co. Harry and Lulu had daughter, Dora, who marr. [?] Little. Seek information on all ancestors and descendants, willing to share.

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EHL
HAUEISEN
MAUDLIN
OHLS
SAMPLE
WILLSON
WOODS

Charles Henry Maudlin b.18 Oct 1861 in Ypsilanti, Washt Co, MI s/o John Maudlin & Sarah Adelaide Woods d. 11 Sep 1925. Charles marr. in Parshalville, Livingston Co, MI 22 Feb 1885 Sarah May Sample. Sarah died 17 Mar 1934 in Bancroft, Shiawassee Co, MI. 5 ch: Perry died in infancy; Mary/Mattie died in infancy; Ethel Alice marr. Albert Kale Ohls; O.D marr. Amina Myrtle Ehl, Edith L. marr. Frank Haueisen. Seek information on all ancestors and descendants, willing to share.

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BRESSMAN
GITZKE
GREPKE
MODY
PEARSON
UNDERWOOD
WEHRMEISTER WILLSON

Mildred Marie Wehrmeister b. 11 Jan 1913 in Detroit, Wayne Co, MI d/o August Adolph Wehrmeister & Ida Bertha Gitzke marr. 02 Mar 1935 to Ivan Levi Underwood. 5 ch: Thomas F. m1) Ann Bressman, m2) Karen [?], m3) Joanne [?]; Beverly J. marr. Ernest Pearson; Donna M. marr. Kirit Mody; Carol L.; Joann E. marr. Franklin Grepke). Seek info on all ancestors and descendants. Willing to share.

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MILLS
SIPLEY
SNAUBLE
STOLL
Ann **WALTZ**
WEIDMAN

David Stoll b. ca 1825 Hamburg, Wurt, GER d. 1902 Ann Arbor, MI, marr. Flora Weidman b. Wurt ca 1831 d. 1892 Ann Arbor. 8 ch: David b. 23 June 1858 GER d. 29 Nov 1942 Grand Rapids, MI; Matthew/Mathias b. 12 Oct 1861 Ann Arbor d. 3 Nov 1950 Niles, MI; Christina b. 1861 Arbor marr. Charles Mills; Flora b. 1864 d. aft 1942, marr unk. Sipley; Altia b. 1866; William b. 9 Dec 1868 Ann Arbor d. 1968 MI marr. 1892 Catherine C. Waltz in Ann Arbor; Jennie b. 1872; Martha b. 1875 d. aft 1942 marr. 1896 Ann Arbor William Snauble. Sk immigration dates and ddt and burpl for David and Flora . Sk vital recs and other info for the ch.

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BLOCK
BROSCH
JAHNKE
MACHACEK
RADTKE
WILLSON

Elizabeth Brosch b. 03 Oct 1892 Detroit, Wayne Co, MI d/o August Brosch & Johanna Jahnke, d. 28 Oct 1958 in Milan, Washt Co, MI bur. Milan. Elizabeth marr. in Taylor, Wayne Co, MI 22 Nov 1913 Wilhelm Radtke, s/o Fritz Radtke & Emilie Block. Wilhelm Radtke d. 03 Jun 1945. 4 ch: Fred b. 27 May 1914 d. 23 Mar 2000, marr. Lillian [?]; Norman m1) Onalee [?]; m2) Doris [?]; Elmer Milton b. 31 Jan 1924 marr. Abby [?]; Dorothy marr. Tony Machacek. Seek info on all ancestors and descendants. Willing to share.

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CRANSTON
MORRISON
WOOD

Mrs. Jennie Wood b. 2 Oct 1846, wife of Mr. Joseph Morris Wood d. 7 Aug 1930, perhaps in the Methodist Old People's Home in Chelsea. In Barry Co, MI she is listed in the 1880 census as Jenny C. b. in MI with parents born in New York State. We believe she may have been born in Barry Co as Sarah Jane Cranston. Joseph b. 1838 poss. in MI and d. in Owosso, MI in 1908. Jennie and Joseph are both bur. in Forest Hill, Ann Arbor, MI. Dau Bertha May Wood b. in Maple Grove, MI, 18 Jul 1865 marr. my grandfather Waldo Joe Morrison. Sk to determine if the "C." in Jennie's name in1880 and also in 1900 stands for Cranston. Sk marr. rec for Jennie and Joseph.

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IN MEMORIAM

GLENNA MARIE BROOKMYER

27 MAY 1916 - 19 DECEMBER 2005

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